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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast food; however, in parts of the Northeast, interest increased due to snow predicted for the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was limited to fair, but slightly better where weekend needs increased. Wings were sufficient, but at times less available for smaller sizes. The remaining items were adequate or available with dark meat in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light.

<u>Preliminary report</u> Prices negotated for trucklot sales of ready-tocook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 13-FEB-2006 (cents per lb)

| | US GRADE A | | | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| (Incl | WTD | | | |
| <u>AREAS</u> | MAJORITY | RANGE | <u>AVG</u> | LOADS |
| Delivered to Fir | st Receivers | | | |
| Chicago | 52.00-55.00 | 47.00-68.75 | 54.37 | 27 |
| New York | 55.00-58.00 | | | |
| | 70.00 | | | |

Los Angeles 76.00 Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 67.00-70.00 53.00-75.00 68.39 90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.25 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR **EQUIVALENT**

| <u>LOADS</u> | <u>RANGE</u> | PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 936 | 65.42-71.00 | 69.14 |
| Coordia fo | h dock confirmed proliming | ary waighted average price or |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on

| ice-packed par | is: | WID. AVG. | VOLUME |
|----------------|-------|----------------|--------------|
| ITEM | (CEI | NTS PER POUND) | (000 POUNDS) |
| LINE RUN TEN | IDERS | 137.50 | 1,278 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 3 | 112.50 | 5,648 |
| BREASTS - WH | IOLE | 59.50 | 1,242 |
| THIGH MEAT - I | B/S | 96.50 | 1,110 |
| LEG QUARTER | RS | 24.50 | 7,614 |
| WINGS | | 100.00 | 2,918 |
| | | | |

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices on broiler/fryers into the Chicago area were unchanged from Mondays' final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady on limited offerings. Food service and retail demand was irregular, but light overall. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to light. Parts offerings were heavy on leg items and light on balance of parts. Trade call was light as buyers take a wait and see attitude. The market tone was mostly steady on wings, about steady on breast cuts and cautiously steady to weak on leg cuts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for ads. Food service was fair to moderate with fast food promotions increasing interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate at best. Breast items were adequate to less available, aided by features. Dark meat was at least adequate, and wings were mixed, shortest for smaller sizes. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady, with the preliminary majorities unchanged for next week. Reported early trading centered on regular commitments and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was fair. Demand by stores fair to fairly good, best where featured; moderate to good to restaurants. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiments were weak on leg quarters and mixed on balance of parts.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-tocook whole broiler/fryers increased entering the weekend and was noted as fair to moderate. Inclement weather was forecast for parts of the Northeast increasing additional market activity. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. Fast food movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate with boneless skinless breasts noted as in the best balance. Leg items were slow to clear. Wings were adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased a bit entering the weekend as buyers looked to cover weekend needs with forcasts of moderate to heavy snow stretching from Delmarva into Northeastern terminal markets creating additional activity. Offerings were adequate and in fairly good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Leg cuts were generally more readily available than breast items or wings. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IINCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| RANGE | • | 54-75 |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | | (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | | (A) |
| CUMULATIVE | 02/06/06-02/10/06 | (A) |
| | 02/07/05-02/11/05 | (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | 02/06/06-02/10/06 | (A) |
| | 02/07/05-02/11/05 | (A) |

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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|---------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------|---------|
| FEB 09 | | SOL | JTHERN STA | TES BROI | LER/FRY | ER PARTS | | | | FEB 10 |
| PC | DUNDS | | | WTD | POUND | S | | | | WEEKLY |
| <u>ITEM</u> | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | <u>AVG</u> | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD <u>AVG</u> | (000) | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 720 | 97.00-152.00 | - | 104.60 | 770 | 95.00-157.00 | - | 104.41 | 3,341 | 104.24 |
| TENDERLOINS | 188 | 83.00-145.00 | 90-94 | 90.53 | 228 | 83.00-145.00 | 90-95 | 90.53 | 1,065 | 88.58 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | Т | OO FEW TO RE | PORT | | 111 | 55.00-68.00 | 58-61 | 58.54 | 446 | 58.09 |
| FRONT HALVES | Т | OO FEW TO RE | PORT | | | Т | TOO FEW TO F | REPORT | 646 | 60.73 |
| LEGS | 166 | 29.00-42.00 | 30-32 | 32.12 | 206 | 29.00-42.00 | 30-32 | 31.71 | 1,095 | 32.83 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK |) 622 | 17.00-26.00 | 19-20 | 19.44 | 406 | 17.00-25.00 | 19-20 | 19.24 | 2,878 | 20.06 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,169 | 20.00-28.00 | 21-22 | 22.82 | 1,350 | 20.00-29.00 | 21-22 | 22.55 | 5,764 | 22.92 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 295 | 90.00-101.00 | 92-96 | 95.63 | 295 | 90.00-100.00 | 93-96 | 95.42 | 1,515 | 95.91 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 305 | 107.00-116.00 | 110-115 | 112.67 | 345 | 107.00-116.00 | 112-115 | 112.80 | 1,700 | 112.10 |
| DRUMSTICKS | Т | OO FEW TO RE | PORT | | | Т | TOO FEW TO F | REPORT | 317 | 32.67 |
| THIGHS | Т | OO FEW TO RE | PORT | | | T | TOO FEW TO F | REPORT | 216 | 34.09 |
| B/S THIGHS | 135 | 85.00-100.00 | _ | 89.56 | *** | Τ | OO FEW TO F | REPORT | 539 | 89.30 |

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 09, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

> **TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE** 38.00-45.50 41.16

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 37.50-43.50 40.71 36.62 The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as mostly fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditons as inclement weather approached parts of the Northeast. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were generally sufficient for current needs; bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Wings were no better than adequate. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady most dark meat cuts. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

| FEB 09 | CURRENT NEG | WTD | | CURRENT NEG | WTD | | | WEEKLY |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| ITEM | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | WTD AV | G VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 115 | 103.69 | 765,920 | 115 | 104.32 | 747,060 | 104.01 | 3,474,720 |
| TENDERLOINS | 90-95 | 91.23 | 85,380 | 90-95 | 91.67 | 138,460 | 93.24 | 659,520 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 57-58 | 62.47 | 135,000 | 57-58 | 65.64 | 87,800 | 65.47 | 447,720 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 57 | 58.78 | 81,000 | 57 | 59.56 | 81,000 | 58.98 | 379,760 |
| LEGS | 39-40 | 39.07 | 120,000 | 38-39 | 37.98 | 292,200 | 38.54 | 1,151,410 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 21-22 | 23.94 | 285,800 | 21-22 | 23.31 | 267,880 | 23.64 | 1,614,680 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 30-31 | 37.58 | 64,680 | 29-30 | 32.50 | 172,160 | 33.87 | 586,990 |
| THIGHS | 33-34 | 39.84 | 61,240 | 33-34 | 39.96 | 59,560 | 39.00 | 333,825 |
| B/S THIGHS | 100-101 | 92.41 | 73,760 | 99-100 | 97.94 | 119,200 | 96.56 | 481,720 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 98-99 | 99.78 | 243,600 | 98-99 | 102.02 | 197,820 | 100.28 | 1,006,860 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP | PED) 10-12 | 11.83 | 34,880 | 10-12 | 11.49 | 18,400 | 11.50 | 114,600 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 35-40 | 33.69 | 17,160 | 35-40 | 33.95 | 10,160 | 39.57 | 46,405 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 50-55 | 50.50 | 15.680 | 50-55 | 51.43 | 18,440 | 52.78 | 95,880 |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

| ESTIMATED S | LAUGH | TER OF BE | ROILER-FR | YERS (IN | THOUS | ANDS) | | ĺ | S |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|----|
| | ESTIM | <u>ATED</u> | ACTU | <u>AL</u> | AVG \ | WT | ACTUAL | AVG WTS | P |
| | 02/10 | 02/09 | 02/08 | 02/07 | 02/08 | 02/07 | 02/03 | 02/01 | |
| Alabama | 3,888 | 3,937 | 3,858 | 3,812 | 5.45 | 5.47 | 4,190 | 5.38 | FI |
| Arkansas | 5,150 | 5,410 | 5,215 | 5,256 | 5.10 | 5.23 | 5,006 | 5.18 | R |
| Delmarva | 2,133 | 2,303 | 2,306 | 2,559 | 5.77 | 5.81 | 2,374 | 5.84 | Н |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,270 | 2,284 | 2,234 | 2,226 | 5.11 | 5.13 | 2,657 | 5.09 | Н |
| Mississippi | 2,997 | 3,011 | 3,012 | 3,058 | 5.75 | 5.77 | 3,253 | 5.74 | D |
| North Carolin | a 3,255 | 2,593 | 2,513 | 2,471 | 6.83 | 6.83 | 3,082 | 6.76 | R |
| Texas | 2,543 | 2,401 | 2,517 | 2,535 | 5.20 | 5.29 | 2,513 | 5.21 | R |
| Total | 22,236 | 21,939 | 21,655 | 21,636 | 5.54 | 5.59 | 23,075 | 5.54 | |
| Mon-Fri 1 | 09,099 | (A) | | | | | 109,658(| A) | S |
| Saturday | 1,195(| included i | in total for | date sho | wn) | | 845 | | DI |
| (A) Weekly cu | ımulative | e for states | s listed abo | ove. | | | | | |
| Broiler-fryer s | slaughte | r under fe | ederal insp | ection fo | r 10-Fe | b-06 ar | nd 11-Feb- | -06 is esti- | FF |
| mated to be 3 | 3,268,0 | 00 head d | lown 3.92 _l | percent fi | rom a w | eek ago | and up 2. | 26 percent | |
| from a year ad | go. (Las | t week 34 | ,626,000, | last year | 32,534, | 000) | | | R |

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 11-Feb-06 is estimated to be 163,331,000 head up 0.02 percent from a week ago, and up 5.75 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,305,000, last year 154,449,000)

| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PR POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS | OCESSED |
|---|--------------|
| | RANGE |
| FRESH FRYERS | 97-99 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 99-108 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | - |
| HENS OVER 5# | 65-73 |
| DUCKS | - |
| RABBITS WHOLE | - |
| RABBITS CUT UP | - |

| SAN FRANCISCO PROCE | SSED POULTRY | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| DELIVERED TO RESTAUR | RANTS AND INST | ITUTIONS |
| | | RANGE |
| FRESH FRYERS | DRY PACK | 114 |
| | ICE PACK | 89-105 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | DRY PACK | 118 |
| | ICE PACK | 100 |
| HENS OVER 5# | DRY PACK | 109 |
| | ICE PACK | 88-102 |
| DUCKS | | 185-190 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt. week ending 28-JAN-06 (Preliminary)

| classified by five wt., | | , | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| | t food/ | (B) Retail | (C) Deboning | | |
| | od service | | | | |
| <u>4.20 LI</u> | <u>bs. & down</u> | <u>4.21-5.25 Lbs.</u> | <u>5.26 Lbs. & Up</u> | | |
| | · | THOUSANDS | | | |
| Head | 27,926 | 17,456 | 51,600 | | |
| Avg Weight | 3.71 | 4.76 | 6.44 | | |
| % of total /1 | 29% | 18% | 53% | | |
| Comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 21,545 | 18,215 | 47,021 | | |
| Avg Weight | 3.73 | 4.75 | 6.56 | | |
| % of total /1 | 25% | 21% | 54% | | |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 27,796 | 21,860 | 47,871 | | |
| Avg Weight | 3.70 | 4.77 | 6.42 | | |
| % of total /1 | 29% | 22% | 49% | | |
| To date/2006 | 105,309 | 65,271 | 210,192 | | |
| To date/2005 | 100,886 | 80,560 | 189,377 | | |

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry. (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

| W/E 04-FED-200 | o found | LIGHT | ∏EAV I | IUIAL | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--|
| | CHICKENS | HENS | HENS | HENS | DUCKS | |
| | | THC | USANDS | S | | |
| Head | 163,305 | 1,422 | 1,461 | 2,883 | 544 | |
| Avg Wt | 5.45 | 3.45 | 7.94 | 5.73 | 6.35 | |
| Last week | 162,972 | 1,408 | 1,330 | 2,738 | 477 | |
| Same wk yr ago | 156,566 | 1,321 | 1,336 | 2,657 | 479 | |
| Avg Wt | 5.35 | 3.32 | 8.09 | 5.72 | 6.53 | |
| To-date/2006 | 798,090 | 7,090 | 6,950 | 14,040 | 2,418 | |
| To-date/2005 | 783,446 | 7,175 | 6,267 | 13,442 | 2,584 | |
| | | _ | | | | |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.3 million head, or 0.1 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

*ACTUAL

| FRIER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------|---------------|------|---------------|--|--|
| | | MILLION HEAD | MILLION H | HEAD | | | |
| WEEK ENDIN | IG | SLAUGHTERED | AVAILABLE PCT | | AVG WT | | |
| December | 31 | 143.7 | 154.6 | 93% | 5.35 | | |
| January | 7 | 151.8 | 156.5 | 97% | 5.38 | | |
| | 14 | 169.3 | 160.4 | 106% | 5.35 | | |
| | 21 | 156.4 | 162.4 | 96% | 5.40 | | |
| | 28 | 164.9 | 164.5 | 100% | 5.35 | | |
| February | 4 | 165.3 | 165.4 | 100% | 5.45 | | |
| Year to date | | 807.7 | 809.2 | 100% | | | |
| February | 11 | | 164.0 | | | | |
| | 18 | | 164.0 | | | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

| Under Federal Inspection | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| THOUSANDS | | | | | |
| W/E | 02/11/06 | 02/04/06 | <u>% CHG</u> | 12/05/05 | % CHG |
| Broilers | 163,331 | 163,305* | +.02 | 154,449* | +5.75 |
| Cattle | 585 | 599 | -02 | 576* | +02 |
| Hogs | 2,008 | 2,030 | -01 | 2,021* | -01 |

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 06-FEB-2006 **DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ORIGIN LONG ISLAND MOSTLY | FROZEN 151-155 | FRESH 157-161 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| MIDWEST MOSTLY | 132-142 | 133-143 |

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

| | KANGE | WOSILI |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 48.00-61.00 | 58.00-61.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 63.00-86.00 | 73.00-78.00 |
| SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLE | SALE PRICES, F | FROZEN, |
| PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZI | EN, 1 TO 10 BO | KES |
| 12 OZ. 63 | .36-72.90 | |
| 14 OZ. 69 | .84-81.00 | |
| 16 OZ. 74 | .88-89.10 | |
| | | |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

<u>CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS</u> Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to adequate for current needs. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-FEB-2006

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 126-146 | 128-148 |
| MOSTLY | | |

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED**AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 07, 2006

DANCE

| | <u> </u> | AN | <u>IGE</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------|----|------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | .80 | - | .90 |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | .75 | - | .80 |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .25 | - | .30 |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .30 | - | .35 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .40 | - | .45 |
| Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS | .40 | - | .70 |
| Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS | .20 | - | .30 |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.00 | - | 1.30 ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 1.00 | - | 1.25 ea. |
| Banty Hens | .75 | - | 1.00 ea. |
| Silkies | 4.00 | - | 5.00 ea. |
| Pigeons | 4.60 | - | 4.75 ea. |
| White Pigeons | 4.50 | - | 5.00 ea. |
| Rabbits 4-6 LBS | 1.80 | - | 2.00 |
| Rabbits 6-9 LBS | 1.75 | - | 1.80 |
| Bunnies | 4.00 | - | 8.00 ea. |
| Guinea Pigs | 4.75 | - | 6.00ea. |
| Doves | 3.00 | - | 3.25 ea. |
| Pullets 4-6 LBS | .40 | - | .45 |
| | | | |

Total Coops Sold 304

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal to instances less than normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

21-32 MAJORITY 26-27

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were about normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 3-11 7-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Trade sen-

timent was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal costs about unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules normal. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-8.5

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT</u> Plant schedules were moderate. Offerings were generally adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SI AUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-FEB-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to instances at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product was sufficient. The undertone was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

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